

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for cold forming a shaped article of an edible product from particulate pieces of said product comprising:

a support frame structure;

a pair of form rolls mounted for counter rotation within said frame structure;

said mounting for said form rolls comprising a shaft for each said form roll rotatably mounted within said frame structure;

each said form ~~rolls~~ roll including a plurality of depressions on the peripheral surface thereof shaped to form an article of a desired shape;

each said form roll being mounted for ~~counterrotation~~ counter rotation toward each other with said depressions aligned to match with the depressions in the other of said form rolls at the interface where each form roll is closest to the other;

drive means for driving said form rolls in ~~counterrotation~~ counter rotation; and

said rolls being spaced from each other so as to compress and compact said particular pieces into shaped article conforming to the shaped depressions on said form rolls interconnected by a thin web of said material,

wherein said shafts are dimensioned and mounted so as to twist when said particular pieces are formed into a shaped configuration as said form rolls are driven.

11. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said drive means comprises a variable speed drive means.

12. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said form

rolls ~~including~~ include a fluid passageway adjacent the surface of said rolls to accommodate the flow of a fluid medium at a temperature which is other than ambient temperature.

13. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 12, including a fluid passageway through said shafts upon which said form rolls are mounted in fluid communication with said fluid passageway adjacent the surface of said form rolls so that said fluid medium circulates through said shafts and through said fluid passageway adjacent the surface of said form rolls.

14. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 13, including fluid passageways within said support frame structure to accommodate the flow of said fluid medium through said fluid passageway within said support frame structure.

15. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said form rolls are mounted within said frame structure so that prior to the introduction of said particular pieces of said product the surfaces of said form rolls are in contact with each other.

16. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said shafts are dimensioned and mounted so as to flex when said particulate pieces are shaped into a shaped configuration as said form rolls are driven.

Claims 17-18 (Cancelled)